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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AA through AC, AF through AI and AK were cited in a European Search Report dated October 11, 2004. A copy of the search report is also enclosed.

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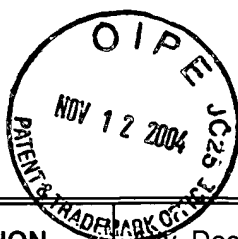
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